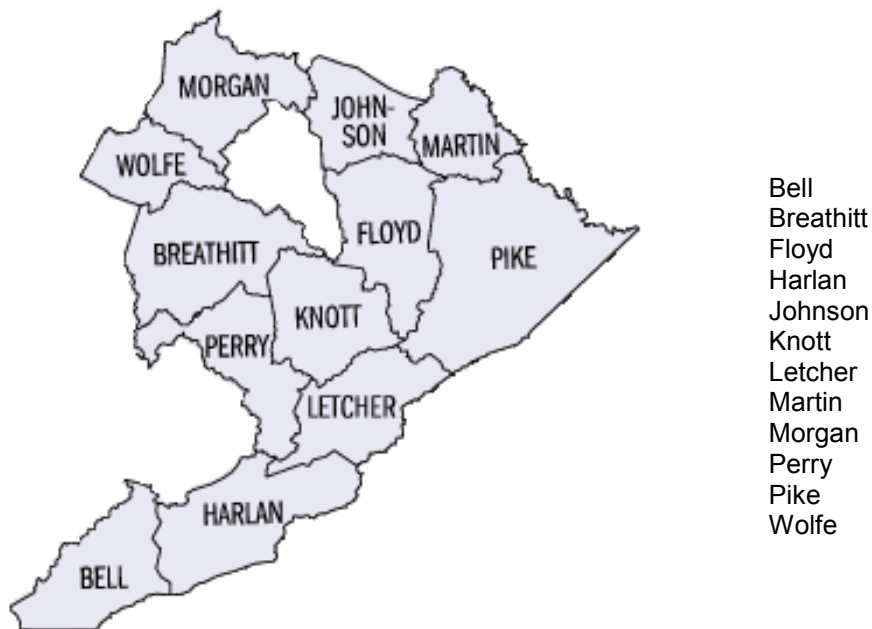


FIGURE 3 – COUNTIES IN THE sKYward TRAILS SYSTEM (12)



Running for over 2,000 miles along the mountain ridges of eastern Kentucky, the sKYward trails of the KY Mountain Trails system will be professionally designed and managed to provide a fun-filled recreation experience for a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts. The multi-use trail system will grow to be one of the largest in the nation. It will readily accommodate the many off-highway motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle riders, four-wheel drive enthusiasts, equestrians, mountain bicyclists, hikers, and other trail users who will travel to the area to enjoy the trails.

The effort to establish the sKYward trails is being spearheaded by a nonprofit corporation created just for that purpose, the Kentucky Mountain Trails Development Coalition. Counties and Area Development Districts in the project area make up the core membership of the corporation. It is working closely with the state Commerce Cabinet and the Department of Tourism to implement a trail system that will be a source of pride for the citizens of eastern Kentucky and that will draw recreational trail users from around the world to enjoy Kentucky's beautiful mountain terrain. Trails will be developed on private property. There are no plans to develop or use any trails in the adjacent National Forests.